



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 634

LCO No. 1013

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MEDICATIONS
USED TO SAFELY TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require the
- 2 Department of Social Services to inform Medicaid beneficiaries of their
- 3 right to reimbursement for medication to treat opioid dependency,
- 4 including medication which has been determined, according to the
- 5 Drug Enforcement Agency's schedule of controlled substances, to have
- 6 a lesser potential to create or enhance dependency than the preferred
- 7 drug prescribed for opioid dependency; and (2) require that Medicaid
- 8 beneficiaries receive reimbursement for any medication used to treat
- 9 opioid dependency at the same rate as Medicaid beneficiaries receive
- 10 for use of the preferred drug prescribed for treatment of opioid
- 11 dependency.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment for
opioid dependency to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries.